

City of Amarillo
Environmental Task Force

On October 21, 2021, the Environmental Task Force (Task Force) met at the Simms Municipal Building, Room 203 at 12:00 P.M., with the following members present:

MEMBERS	PRESENT	NO. MEETINGS HELD	NO. MEETINGS ATTENDED
Tim Dillon	Y	11	11
Roger Gloe	Y	16	13
David Moody	Y	11	11
Adam Schaer	N	11	4
Howard Smith	Y	24	21
EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS/STAFF			
Donny Hooper	Y		

The following guests were also present:

Alan Harder, Assistant Director of Public Works
Julie Herman, Public Works Program Coordinator

The meeting was called to order at 12:11 P.M. by David Moody, Chairman. The following items of business were conducted:

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

2. **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 19, 2021**

A motion to approve the August 19, 2021 minutes as written was made by Howard Smith and seconded by Roger Gloe. The motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

3. **DISCUSS OR RECEIVE REPORTS ON THE FOLLOWING CURRENT MATTERS OR PROJECTS:**

- a. **Water Conservation Program Status** – Donny Hooper stated the City of Amarillo budget process concluded in September. The Utilities Department will be providing more education and there will be tiered rate structure increases this year. The City of Amarillo website has been enhanced with interesting water conservation facts and water saving tips. A rain-free sensor rebate is available to provide customers up to a \$50 utility bill rebate for installing an approved sensor. In addition, Utilities personnel are participating in “Hocus Pocus in the Park” and providing drip calculations information from drinktap.org. The goal is to educate citizens to reduce the amount of water usage.
- b. **Citywide Cleanup (9/18/21)** – Donny Hooper stated that the City of Amarillo participated in National Cleanup Day by providing personnel, equipment and roll-off containers in the Barrio, East Ridge, North Heights and San Jacinto neighborhoods. Approximately 115 volunteers from Community Development, Planning, Police Department, Public Works departments and neighborhood groups participated. A total of 32 roll-offs (City provided 8 and Republic Services provided 24), and 13 full roll-offs were delivered to the landfill. A total of 145,200 lbs. or 72.61 tons of waste was collected. Following the cleanup day, all routes were completed in North Heights, East Ridge and North San Jacinto. The goal is to have 2 cleanup days per year (Spring and Fall).

4. **SET DATE AND AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING**

The Task Force discussed and set the next meeting for Thursday, December 16, 2021 from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM. Agenda items will include a discussion of educating the public on the successes of the Environmental Task Force (composting, tire shredding, etc.) and brainstorm challenges and ideas.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:06 P.M.